

ACA 1 and AB 3069 Fact Sheet

General

ACA 1_- Contains constitutional provisions to shift redistricting of state districts to a commission, modify term limits and establish a fundraising blackout period.

AB 3069_- Contains statutory provision relating to the new redistricting commission.

Redistricting

Transfers authority for drawing Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization districts to a “hybrid” redistricting commission (17 total members)

- 9 chosen by lot from a screened pool (3 Democrats, 3 Republicans, 3 Other).
 - No legislative involvement.
 - Panel of 10 sitting and retired judges establishes three pools of nominees (15 Democrats, 15 Republicans, 15 Others)
 - Governor may then strike up to 6 nominees. (No more than 2 from any one pool)
 - 9 then chosen at random (3 from each pool)
- 8 selected by legislative leaders (4 Democrats and 4 Republicans)
- 2/3 vote of both pools required to adopt a plan or hire staff.

All commissioners subject to the same eligibility requirements.

- Requires all commissioner:
 - Have the knowledge, experience, skills and ability to carry out responsibilities.
 - Commit to being honest, independent and impartial.
 - Be registered with the same political party for at least 3 years.
- Excludes:
 - Anyone who has recently run or been elected to state office. Also excludes their family members.
 - All state political party officers, state and federal lobbyists, and employees of the Legislature, Congress, the Board of Equalization and statewide officials.
- Prohibits commissioners after serving from holding elective public office, being appointed to a paid position or serving as a lobbyist for three years.

Diversity required during all steps of the process

- Selection of screening panel.
- Establishment of nominee pools.
- Selection of commissioners by legislative leaders.

Applies neutral, non-partisan criteria to drawing of lines. In order of priority, requires that plans:

- Comply with the Federal Constitution, including population equality.
- Comply with the Voting Rights Act.
- Be geographically contiguous.
- Respect communities of interest.
- Respect city, county and visible geographic boundaries.
- Be consecutively numbered.
- Be reasonably compact.

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- May not consider incumbent or candidate residences, except to comply with other provisions.
- Does not require nesting.

Requires increased public input and transparency.

- Public input required during each step of the commission selection process.
 - Selection of screening panel.
 - Selection of nominees.
 - Selection of commission.
- Requires public input during all steps of creating a plan.
 - Mandates a four step public hearing process, including hearings in different regions of the state.
 - Clear rules established in advance for public testimony.
 - Anyone can testify and submit plans.
- Requires transparency.
 - Commission subject to Bagley-Keene and the California Public Records Act.
 - Prohibits ex-parte communications by commissioners.
 - Requires a report by both the commission on the final plan's compliance with the criteria.
- Requires public have access to redistricting software and a common dataset.
- Plans would still be subject to referendum.

Legislature would still draw Congress, but would be bound by many of the same rules that apply to the commission, including:

- Public hearing process.
- Neutral, non-partisan criteria
- Requirement to report on the final plan's compliance with the criteria.

Term Limits

Reduces maximum amount of time a person can serve in the Legislature from 14 years to 12 years.

Allows a person to serve all their time in one house.

Has a transition period that allows sitting members of the Legislature to serve no more than the total number of years permitted under current law.

Clarifies status of previously termed-out members. Makes clear they would be allowed to return, but subject to the old limits.

Fundraising Blackout Period

Prohibits campaign contributions to Legislators and the Governor from May 15th until the budget is enacted.